

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the title as follows:

~~PRIME MOVER CONTROLLER OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINE~~

PRIME MOVER CONTROL DEVICE OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINE

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 6-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is to be noted that while the engine rotation speed is slowed down over the predetermined length of time T1 at the start of the deceleration operation in the second embodiment, the engine rotation speed may instead be slowed down so that the engine rotation speed decreases by a predetermined extent. Namely, instead of executing the processing in steps S21 and S22, a decision may be made as to whether or not the engine rotation speed has become lower by the predetermined extent and then the operation than may proceed to step S7 if an affirmative decision is made, whereas the engine rotation speed may be slowed down in step S8 if a negative decision is made. In addition, the speed reduction characteristics manifesting (between the time points t11 and t12) at the start of the deceleration operation and the speed reduction characteristics manifesting (after the time point t12 or the time point t14) when the motor rotation speed Nm is equal to or less than the predetermined value Nm1 may be different from each other.